

positions available now than we are purchasing through the tuition the state makes available. I think everybody knows that and there is really no justification as I can see that one can be justified in establishing a college so all of the students have some place to go. That is what they have currently and all we have to do is appropriate more money for those positions than we currently are. It is my impression, and someone can correct me if I am in error, it is my impression originally or at one time at least we were talking about 90 some students per grade, now I understand we are talking about somewhere 64 to 70 students per grade if the college is established, and obviously the demand for slots must be recognized to be decreased if the number of positions that we are going to have available in each class is being reduced and I assume that increases the per pupil cost of the operation which is not particularly significant except I am sure there is a fixed overhead which cannot be avoided. It is my impression from, like many of you perhaps, is that there is a variety of states that are interested in participating but their interest falls short somewhere of providing money. Depending on who you talk with but it has been repeated to me when I have talked to two different people who have contacted the same state that they get different messages but the most likely one I have heard recently is New Mexico and I am told that those who contacted the executive branch of government in New Mexico, the executive branch of government doesn't indicate that they have an interest. I have understood the Legislature has not done anything to indicate they have an interest. I am told the Dean of the Ag School at New Mexico has an interest but I don't suppose he has a vote in the Legislature. I guess the point is that I am not convinced that it is ever going to happen. I think we are probably being strung along with the promise of federal funds which I doubt that ever occurs beyond the planning money that we now have been authorized and I think the livestock industry is important enough that we ought to move now, and what I would like to see us move now on is this amendment to put the money for the Animal Science Building because I have no problem at all with short as funds are of appropriating adequate funds from my own vote for a large animal research as important as it is to Nebraska. We do not have to have the federal funds to have that promoted and I think that this concept is realistic and can occur if the Legislature wants it to. I think the veterinary college concept can only occur if three or four other entities, all of which are beyond our control, want it to happen, and there doesn't seem to be a lot of evidence from what I have been able to ascertain from these